

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 789 - HB 1370

March 19, 2017

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates the *Surgical Assistance Practice Act*. Authorizes a licensed surgical assistant to engage in the practice of surgical assisting. Requires an applicant, to be eligible for licensure as a licensed surgical assistant; to be certified as a surgical assistant by an approved certifying body; have successfully completed an approved surgical assistant education program; have passed a nationally recognized surgical assistant examination adopted by the board; and have a high school diploma or the equivalent as determined by the Board of Medical Examiners (BOME). Establishes the effective date of January 1, 2018.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Revenue - \$36,200/Board of Medical Examiners

Increase State Expenditures – Less than \$36,200/Board of Medical Examiners

Other Fiscal Impact – The Board of Medical Examiners had an annual surplus of \$359,446 in FY14-15, an annual surplus of \$382,952 in FY15-16, and a cumulative reserve balance of \$3,041,785 on June 30, 2016.

Assumptions:

- Based on information provided by the Department of Health (DOH), the proposed legislation creates a new licensure category for surgical assistance.
- According to the American Board of Surgical Assistants, there are 115 certified surgical assistants with a Tennessee mailing address.
- Assuming an annual licensure fee of \$315, the recurring increase in state revenue is estimated to be \$36,225 (115 x \$315).
- The recurring increase in state expenditures to the BOME is estimated to be less than \$36,225.
- The full extent of expenditures and revenue will be incurred after the effective date of this legislation, which is January 1, 2018, but before June 30, 2018 (or the end of FY17-18). As a result, such recurring revenue and expenditure impacts will begin in FY17-18.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-29-121, all health related boards are required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. The BOME had an annual surplus of \$359,446 in FY14-15, an annual surplus of \$382,952 in FY15-16, and a cumulative reserve balance of \$3,041,785 on June 30, 2016.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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